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HOMAGE TO THE PIONEER OF INDIAN SCOUTING

Recently we celebrated the Centenary of an illustrious son of our Bharath—Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, and close to its heel the centenary of another great man, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, follows. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya was the founder of the Seva Samiti and Seva Samiti Scout Association. He was born on December 25, 1861. Pandit Malaviya's life is characterised by its simplicity. He stood for high ideals of a devout Hindu. His life has been a dedication to the service of this country and its countrymen. He was a great scout, social worker and an educationist.

In the fitness of things, it is but essential that we Scouts and Guides all over the State celebrate the centenary year in an appropriate manner to focus the many sided activities of that soul and to enable the youth in our fold to emulate his example.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Scouts and Guides in this State celebrated the Republic Day in a fine manner. Yet one more opportunity afforded itself to the boys and girls to remind themselves of their duty to their country. At no time

in the history of India did the citizens of this sub-continent have such a chance to contribute their mite directly for national reconstruction. All over the country we see immense activity going apace metamorphosing the structure of our community life. It is a glorious opportunity for us to take a vital role in such activities for the building up of a mighty Bharath. Every Scout and Guide should feel proud of Bharath, its tradition, its culture and its message of non-violence to the world at large.

Our Scouts and Guides should transcend the barriers of caste, creed and other sectarian forces which degenerate us and should in their talk and conduct be worthy of the solid training they receive in this movement which always emphasises the noblest of virtues and national integration.

VILLAGE SCOUTING

The first Local Association under the reorganised scheme of the State Association was inaugurated at Periapalayam, Chingleput District on January 11, 1962 by Sri G. Venkatachalapathy, Additional Development Commissioner and Additional Secretary to Rural Development and Local Administration Department, Government of Madras. The Collector of the District Sri K. S. Sivasubramaniam addressed the rally of cubs and bulbul. The inauguration at Periapalayam will soon be followed up by the starting of similar Associations in the Panchayat Unions in the State over. We expect by the starting of such Associations an impetus to the spread of this movement to the villages in the State.

CEREMONY FOR THINKING DAY 1962

Kumari G. R. Samuel, H. Q. Commissioner for Training, Guides

Thinking Day is on February 22nd when Guides all over the World are thinking of each other and forging closer the ties of international friendship and goodwill. We have the opportunity and privilege of building a ONE WORLD. Here is a short ceremony based on the Guide Law, the foundation on which all our work rests. Each company can produce it with its own variation. It would be good to hold aloft the flag of the country while the words are being said. It would add colour to the ceremony if the ten Guides could be dressed in the uniform of the countries they represent.

(Guides stand in circle or horseshoe, with ten candles in the centre arranged in the form of a trefoil. As each Guide representing a country steps forward to say one of the Laws, she lights one of the candles.)

Guider or Narrator: Today is Thinking Day, the joint birthday of our Founder, the late Lord Baden-Powell, and of his wife, our World Chief Guide. On this day Guides and Girl Scouts everywhere gather to think of their sister Guides throughout the world and to them send greetings.

In our international family we are bound together by the unseen chain, our threefold promise and the Guide Law. Let us now say the Law in words of other countries. This is the first Law, from Sweden :—

1st Guide : A Girl Guide speaks the truth and keeps her word.

Narrator : The second Law, from Finland :—

2nd Guide : A Guide is loyal and respects the convictions of others.

Narrator : The third Law, from Argentina :—

3rd Guide : A Guide serves and helps other people without expecting reward or praise.

- Narrator :** The fourth Law, from Norway :—
- 4th Guide :** A Guide is friendly to all and a good comrade.
- Narrator :** The fifth Law, from Germany :—
- 5th Guide :** The Girl Guide is grateful and courteous.
- Narrator :** The sixth Law, from Austria :—
- 6th Guide :** A Guide sees God in nature and therefore protects plants and animals.
- Narrator :** The seventh Law, from Haiti :—
- 7th Guide :** A Guide obeys without question and does nothing by halves.
- Narrator :** The eighth Law, from Belgium :—
- 8th Guide :** The Guide is always good-tempered.
- Narrator :** The ninth Law, from Italy :—
- 9th Guide :** A Guide is hardworking and thrifty, and takes care of other people's property.
- Narrator :** The tenth Law, from Luxembourg :—
- 10th Guide :** A Guide has self-respect.

Guider or Narrator : These are our Laws. We try hard to keep them so that the spirit of Guiding may bring light into the world, even as our candles bring light into this room. While each Law is followed, the flame of the Guide spirit will never die.
(All sing THE WORLD SONG) — Our way is clear as we march
on.....

FOUNDER'S DAY

Message — 22nd February, 1962

D. C. Spry, DIRECTOR, Boy Scouts, World Bureau, Canada.

On this, the anniversary of B.P.'s birthday let all of us remember the great gift he gave to us and all the world. Let us at the same time ask ourselves what gift we have given to Scouting. Exactly what has each of us given to the Movement? What have we done or said of real and continuing value?

Can each of us honestly answer in the affirmative? We as individuals merely pass through the Movement for various lengths of service. Some can give more good to Scouting in three years than others in thirty years.

How much of each of our characters and personalities have rubbed off on the Movement? What have we really contributed?

B. P. would have liked to have heard our answers.



CUB OPENS NEW H. Q.

Remembering the thrill he had when he was the Youngest and the greenest Cub in his Pack and was asked to open a new Headquarters, Mr. John Pryce, District Commissioner of Blackpool, asked a 8 year - old Cub, Martin Gorman, to perform the opening ceremony of the 5th Blackpool Group HQ. Gorman climbed up on a chair and with the help of Mr. Pryce declared the Group's new home open.

CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE

Sri S. R. Ramachandran

The Scout Movement though started by that Great Man Lord Baden Powell in England many years ago, it has caught the imagination of the people of all nationalities and to-day we find that the movement has spread throughout the World. Obviously this movement has survived because of its high ideals. Although the manners, customs, traditions, culture, thought and language are different in each country and nation, it has been possible for men in various countries to realise the value of the Movement and thereby participate in some capacity or other and to contribute to the growth of this organisation. In this context it is not difficult to understand that there can be unity of purpose in spite of diversity of views.

Of all creations in nature the human being is supposed to be the best and highest. The primitive man has really survived the test of time and he has improved his habits and methods. He has realised that he does not live to eat only. He has also realised that he does not live by bread alone. He started to organise and to cooperate with his fellowbeings, to study and probe into the various aspects of nature and make an attempt to make the best use of the other creations in the World. It is no philosophy to say that only a living being counts and all else is subsidiary. **A living being though small is much more valuable than a huge machine generating tremendous power or turning out enormous work.** The King of the living beings "the Man" has survived in the face of odds and many hazards in this World due to the fact that he started learning by his experience, and due to his learning he improved his thinking, his habits and his practices. He has learnt to live and let others also to coexist with him. Others, who are totally different in views, manners and customs. He has learnt to adjust. Such a person is called a civilised man ordinarily. It is needless to explain what we mean by a civilised man expect stating that he has improved his manners, relationship and avocation. The elementary urge to improve is a sign of civilisation. Mere copying some methods and habits cannot be said similarly. There can never be any standard for civilisation.

While civilisation can be said of the physical side, culture can be said of the Mental side. A civilized man may not necessarily be a cultured man. Culture deals with the growth of the mind and thinking. A cultured man is wholly different from a mere civilised person. The fundamental measure or yardstick is not the dress of the person, his appearance or personality, not how or what he talks, not as to how and where he is placed is life etc. A cultured person is bold and fearless but not aggressive, is humble and charitable, is learned really even though he does not boast himself as such, is having a broad outlook of man and situation, is able to see unity in diversity is free from fear, envy and jealousy and many other similar evils of life.

With no exception a man of culture cannot but be a civilised person.

Scouting aims at both these objectives and is intended to train the children and youth through games and songs, tests and practices, spare time activities, camp, hikes and excursions among other things, to become good and useful citizens — useful to themselves and to others. The Motto, the promise, the laws affect the thinking process and real culturing takes place. True scouting is only in the group level and not in the district or state or national level. After all the district or the State or the national organisation exist only for the children and not for anything else. There can be no excuse for any scouts giving undue importance to the organisation. The Scouters and other Honorary workers who man the organisation and run it, of course with all sincerity, cannot afford to lose sight of the simultaneous development of the children in the matter of civilization and culture. Such persons who fail to see this basic truths are in effect the "White ants" for the organisation.

U. K. COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S VISIT

Mr. Clive E. Bemrose, M.A., J.P., County Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, Derbyshire, U.K., was the guest of honour at a Tea Party attended by the City Commissioners and the Officers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, on the evening of Monday, January 15, 1962, at the premises of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, State Headquarters, Wenlock Park, Triplicane, Madras.

Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Honorary State Secretary welcomed the distinguished Visitor. Lt. Col. V. K Sundaram, State Commissioner (Scouts), Mysore State, also attended the party.

TRAINING THE BOY SCOUT

By Shri T. V. Nilakantam, Camp Chief (Scouts) India.



When a boy is enrolled as a Tenderfoot it is understood that he is to become a Second Class Scout in the course, a First Class after some more time, and eventually a Presidents Scout. The boy starts at the lowest rung of the ladder but he has to go up the Ladder steadily and step by step. To help him to do so, to fire him with the necessary enthusiasm and interest, and to provide him the necessary training or secure the assistance of other competent persons for the purpose constitute the duty of the Scoutmaster.

If a boy remains a Tenderfoot for more than a couple of months without winning the Second Class badge there is something wrong some where—more often than not, it will be the SM that will be to blame. Much of the training is in the hands of the PL at this stage—and even up to the first class badge. This of course is possible only when the Patrol Method of running the troop is employed and the PLs have the scope and the freedom to lead their boys as they ought to be led by them.

A wise SM will always keep the Patrol Leaders on the lead. He will always keep his PLs together, meet them from time to time, and keep them as far as their practical training is concerned 2 or 3 steps ahead of the other boys in their Patrol; and whatever "Teaching" has to be done in the Patrol he will get his PLs to do it, and not attempt to run a "Scout-Class" by demonstrating things to the whole troop or "teach" them all at once.

Many Scoutmasters prefer to keep the PLs together as a Patrol giving them a Patrol name and hold regular meetings for them for purposes of instruction. The PLs are generally helped to "lead by one badge ahead" and this makes not only for troop efficiency, but it also enhances the prestige of the Patrol Leaders and the other junior members of the Patrol have to look up to them.

The gradient from the Tenderfoot to the Second Class is not steep; if anything it is just a gentle slope. A certain amount of knowledge of first Aid, a little training in observation practice in

Scout Pace, skill in making a few lashings, hitches & knots, care & use of the hand axe, laying & lighting fire & cooking a simple meal in the open, training in the use of the compass and gaining a dependable sense of direction, a little experience of signalling—all make scouting the interesting and purposeful to the new boy, and he will only be very desirous and eager to gain all this experience if the SM can wisely administer them through the very helpful agency of the Patrol Leader and where necessary his Second; and this is to be supplemented by suitable types of games involving application of these skills.

Signalling is very often a bug-bear. But approached from the correct angle the sting of it is easily eliminated. Of the two types of signalling it is good to realise that semaphore is almost out of vogue—it is confined to shore landing now-a-days—and that in these days when tele-communication has become so important the universal usefulness & importance of the morse code cannot be over-estimated. Nor is the code so difficult to master. Indeed there is a very easy line of attack, if only one is keen about getting a mastery over it.

A single dot, two dots, three dots, and four dots can form one chapter of the first lesson. These give E.I.S.H. letter by letter. The second chapter would be one dash, two dashes & three dashes, meaning T.M.O. And as soon as these are learnt practice words like ME, TOM, MOT, HE, SHL, THEM, THIS etc. can be signalled by one batch to another across the parade ground. Oh yes, it should be in the open. Experience has shown that signalling exercises do not thrive except in the out-of-doors. They get stifled inside the club room or any other room.

The second lesson would have two chapters, the first being A U.V. and N.D.B. And once these are learnt the boys have scope to build several words with the help of the symbols learnt in the two lessons.

Step by step the lessons will go on, and one can say from actual experience with boys that it does not take more than a month of the Troop Time to help boys to get sufficient mastery over signalling as needed for the Second Class.

And during this one month other "fare" is added to the "menu" & the boys pick up several of the other subjects little by little side by side. If the Scoutmaster and the Patrol Leader concerned keep their eyes on the individual boy each of these lads will be steadily marching ahead. In about 3 or 4 months from the time of joining as Tenderfoot he should be able to become efficient enough for the Second Class—that is to say if the PL and the SM are both earnest about the matter.

NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING COURSES.

		Last date for application.
(i) From January to March 1962.		
1. H. W. B. Cubs Course	12—1—62 (10 days) Camp fee Rs. 30/-	20—12—61
2. Patrol Leaders Course	25—1—62 (6 ,) „ „ 15/-	25—11—61
3. Patrol Leaders Course	5—2—62 (6 „) „ „ 15/-	5—1—62

(ii) During the year 1962—1963.

1. Advance Trg. Camp (for troop Scouters)	from 11—4—62 (7 days) Camp fee Rs. 25/-	11—3—62
2. R.S.L. (Prel) Course	„ 21—4—62 (9 „) „ „ 30/-	21—3—62
3. H.W.B. (Cubs) Course & A. D. C. C. Course	„ 3—5—62 (10 „) „ „ 30/-	3—4—62
4. H. W. B. (Scout) Course & A. D. C. C. Course	„ 15—5—62 (12 „) „ „ 40/-	15—4—62
5. H. W. B. (Rovers) & A. D. C. C. Course	„ 1—6—62 (9 „) „ „ 30/-	1—5—62
6. Retreat of D. C. C. s. & A. D. C. C. s.	„ 15—6—62 (4 „) „ „ 15/-	15—5—62

1. The Camp fee specified includes the registration fee of Rs. 5/-. One half of the Camp fee is payable along with the application and the balance on arrival at the Camp.

2. Application forms should give names in full, addresses, scout experience in full detail—present rank and nature of Scout work candidate is doing. All applications should be recommended by the State Commissioner Scouts and/or by the Headquarters Commissioners for training and reach the National Training Centre on or before the "last date" specified.

3. Candidates for the Prel., Adv. & H. W. B. courses should be duly qualified as under the Rules.

Candidates for Patrol Leaders Courses should be in charge of a Scout patrol and be thorough with the Tenderfoot and Second Class Scout requirements.

INAUGURATION OF VILLAGE SCOUTING AND GUIDING IN PANCHAYAT UNIONS

The Inauguration of Village Scouting and Guiding and the starting of the First Local Association under the Panchayat Union, Uthukottai, were performed by Sri G. Venkatachalapathi, Additional Development Commissioner and Additional Secretary, Rural Development and Local Administration Department at Periapalayam on 11th January 1962 at 9 A. M. at a colourful function organised by the Panchayat Union of Uthukottai. Sri. K. S. Sivasubramaniam, L. L. B., I.A.S., Collector of Chingleput District, hoisted the National Flag and inspected the Cub and Bulbul Rally.

Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, welcomed Sri G. Venkatachalapathi and Sri K. S. Sivasubramaniam and said that the Bharat Scouts and Guides had been striving all along to serve the children of the land and this opportunity of carrying Scouting and Guiding into the villages was launched with a view to make the children of the villages disciplined and to be of service minded and to help their village to improve and bring about a transformation in the life of the village and thanked the Collector and Sub-Collector for the keen interest they had evinced in the movement to spread the ideals of Scouting and Guiding in the Panchayats.

Sri K. Balasubramania Reddiar, Chairman, Panchayat Union, traced the history of Scouting and Guiding in the Union since the Union was formed and said that 30 Cubmasters and 15 Flock Leaders were trained and that they had selected the Cubs and Bultuls in the village schools and had given training to them. The parents very willingly provided the children with Uniforms and the Panchayat Union provided the Scarves. About 800 Children were present in this Rally. He had agreed to provide one uniform to each trained teacher. The Councillors and persons interested in spreading scouting and Guiding in the villages (about 75 in number) have agreed to start a Local Association.

Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, explained the steps that have been taken in the State for introducing cub packs and bulbul flocks in village schools and said about 55 Panchayat Unions have already sanctioned funds of Rs. 1000/- each for this purpose and training has been already imparted to the Teachers of 27 Panchayat Unions and the training of remaining 28 Panchayat Unions will be completed by 31st March 62 and all the Panchayat Unions which have completed the training of their Teachers are forming Local Associations for each of their unions during the Pongal Week and Uthukottai is starting the First Local Association to day with 75 members with the Chairman of the Panchayat Union as President

and the Commissioner as Assistant District Commissioner and the Extension Education Officer as Secretary and the Association has arranged this Cub and Bulbul Rally and the financial help of the local people for getting this Rally together has been encouraging.

Sri G. Venkatachalapathi, Additional Development Commissioner, distributed the uniforms to the Cubmasters and the Flock Leaders and certificates to the Cubmasters and the Flock Leaders who had undergone the training in Cubbing and Flock Leadership. Sri Venkatachalapathi spoke appreciating the effort of the Union in starting Scouting and Guiding in the villages under the Union. He appealed the gathering and said that Scouting and Guiding alone can train the children and mould their character and make them good citizens to serve their motherland and he also said that he would give full support to strengthen this organisation in all the Villages throughout our State. He further said that he would be pleased to attend such gathering whenever he was called upon to do so. He appealed to the Chairman & Councillors for the implementation of the scheme under the Panchayat Unions throughout the State and requested the State Association to give a lead in this respect and spread Scouting and Guiding throughout the length and breadth of our State. He further said that, by doing so, the villages would be translating into action of Mahatma Gandhi's dream that in every village there should be the realization that every one there had contributed his or her mite towards the building up of India of the future

Sri P. M. Dowlathram, Honorary State Treasurer, Miss Hill, Trainer of Australia, Sri L. Sreeraman, Kumari L. Vedanayagam and Sri M. Ram Mohan, Jr. State Organising Commissioner, Coimbatore Centre, also spoke.

There was a Fancy Dress Competition and the following schools won the prizes

1. Kannikaiper Village School,
2. Palavakkam School, and
3. Periapalayam School.

After the National Anthem the meeting came to a close.

There was also a Scouter's Conference, in which Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar exhorted the teachers to train the children under their care in the manner that Mahatma Gandhi wanted the children of the villages to be trained in the Scout and Guide way.

SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM, Minister for Finance and President, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Madras in his message wrote :-

Taking the scouting movement to the villages is a development of the greatest magnitude. The ideals of service and disciplined community endeavour for which the movement stands are vital for the nation's full-fledged development. I send hearty greetings to the First Local Association and the First Village Cub and Bulbul Rally under the Panchayat Union of Uthukottai being inaugurated under the auspices of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State. I wish the inaugural function success.

NEED ANY NEW SCOUTERS ?

D. C. Spry,

Director, Boy Scouts, International Bureau, Canada.

It is probably true that most of the men we would like to join us as Scouters have never been asked ! Think it over.

No one is too busy, too big, or too important for Scout leadership. I know an Admiral who runs a troop - a General who is a Commissioner - a motor-car company President who is an active Group Committee man. The other types of men you need may never have been invited to lend a hand.

ATOMIC AGE

"Our defence against destruction lies only in our effort to build a sense of intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind ; to penetrate the fog of propaganda with the light of truth ; to combat emotionalism with the search for historical perspective ; to destroy fear by working to enhance personal security of the individual ; to recognize that the ultimate values lie in individual humanity and not in masses considered abstractly. Our only defence ultimately is the complete elimination of war and of preparation for war. If mankind cannot find a basis for social action which can be pursued without recourse to war, civilization as we know it may well be on the road to destruction. If it can, the utilization of newly tapped forces of nature will have made possible for the human race one of its great strides forward".

(Prof. W. R. Wallace, McGill University, Montreal)

RURAL SCOUTING

Excerpts from the Report of Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner Scouts (Madras State) on the Progress of Scouting in the Panchayat Unions of the State for the 6 months ending 31st December 1961.

The following Panchayat Unions have provided Rs. 1,000/- each for training Cubmasters and Flock Leaders :-

District :

- Chingleput : 1. Poonamallee 2. Tirukalikundram 3. Uthukottai
4. Poondi 5. Kattankulathur 6. Villivakkam
7. St. Thomas Mount 8. R. K. Pet 9. Uthiramerur
10. Tiruporur, 11. Walajabad.
- Coimbatore : 12. Modakurichi 13. Tirupur 14. Valparai
(Anamalais) 15. Ammapet 16. Perundurai 17. Dhara-
puram 18. Kinathukidavu 19. Bhavani 20.
Avanashi.
- Madurai : 21. Tirumangalam 22. Tiruparankundram 23.
Athur I at Sembaths 24. Devasandur 25. Alan-
gulum.
- North Arcot : 26. Sholingur 27. Turinjapuram 28. Kalasa-
pakkam 29. Walajapet 30. Arcot 31. Arni.
- Nilgiris : 32. Ootacamund 33. Kotagiri.
- Ramanathapuram : 34. Sivakasi 35. Singampuneri 36. Para-
makudi 37. Kannangudi at Devakottai
38. Watrap.
- Salem : 39. Attur 40. Velappadi 41. Talaivasal 42. Babi-
reddipathi 43. Panamarathupathi 44. Hosur
45. Kulathur (Mettur Dam.)
- South Arcot : 46. Panruti 47. Kolianur 48. Kanai 49. Melbhu-
vanagiri 50. Chinna-Salem 51. Kallakurichi 52.
Ulundurpet 53. Thyagadurgam.

Thanjavur : 54. Nagapattinam 55. Pattukottai 56 Vedaranyam.

Tiruchirappalli : 57. K. Paramethi 58. Kulithalai.

Tirunelvelly : 59. Shermadevi 60. Valliyur.

The following Panchayat Unions have conducted Training Courses and are ready for the formation of Local Associations :-

1. Poonamallee 2. Tirukalikundram 3. Uthukottai (has started the First Local Association.) 4. Poondi 5. Kattankulathur 6. Villivakkam 7. St. Thomas Mount 8. Modakurichi 9. Tiruppur 10. Valparai (Anamalais) 11. Ammapet 12. Perundurai 13. Sholingur 14. Tirujapuram 15. Walajapet 16. Ootacamund 17. Sivakasi 18. Singampuneri 19. Paramakudi 20. Athur 21. Velappadi 22. Panruti 23. Kolianur 24. Kanai 25. Melbhuvanagiri 26. Chinna-Salem (started Local Association) 27. Kallakurichi 28. Ulundurpet 29. Nagapattinam 30. Shermadevi 31. Tirumangalam 32. Talaivasal 33 Thyagadurgam.

CONTINGENT TO ROVER MOOT

A Contigent of 10 Rover Scouts from Salem, Nilgiris, Chingleput, North, East and South Madras Districts attended the First Delhi Rover Moot at Delhi under the Leadership of Sri G. Krishnaswamy of Salem, assisted by Sri Mukherji, I. A. F., Tambaram.

DISTRICT NEWS



ANAMALLAI

A flock leaders' training camp was held at Karamalai School, Anamallai District Between 19th and 30th November 1961 : Miss C. John, D. C. C. and S. O. C. (G), was the Camp Officer.

The Camp will always be remembered as the "Happy Camp". Thanks to our S. O. C. (G), the 12 days spent at Karamallai Camp were a great experience. 23 teachers came to the Camp and they learnt the crafts from an expert : Knots tracking signs and how to lay and light a fire out of doors : the Guide Law and, Promise, the National Flag: the Bharat Scouts and Guides Flag: the Guide World Flag. Opening Ceremonies for Bulbul Meetings and Closing Ceremonies: the Bulbul Law and Promise, so many games for Bultuls, so much imagination and happiness and training to pass on to our little girls.

We had a Flock Leaders' Day, when all previously trained F.L's were asked to join the Camp. This was a specially happy re-union when we all felt the reality of the Sisterhood of Guides. 12 out of our first 22 trained F.L.s turned up from near and far ; 5 more sent their regrets that they could not come due to illness or family duties.

At Visitors' Evening our Guiders showed all that they had learned, and to prove how well they had been taught. They managed the Display by themselves. Our District Association friends turned up to watch, and Miss C. John spoke a few words of explanation when necessary.

At the close of Visitors' Evening a vote of thanks was given to all those who had helped to make our Camp a success. Thanks to the Karamalai Group and Estate Management, Headmaster, Rovers and Scouts, to our Panchayat Board, to the Deputy Inspector of Schools, to our husbands and to our Visitors. (Excerpts from the Report of Mrs. E. A. Body. D. C. (Guides) Valparai.)

KANAI PANCHAYAT UNION

The closing function of Cubmasters training camp organised by the Kanai Panchayat Union was held on December, 22, 1961. Sri V. Sathinarayanan, President, Panchayat, Kanai presided over the function and appealed to the campers to take on active interest and to promote Cub activities in the Union. Sri P. Natarajan Commissioner, Kanai Union, who addressed the campers appreciated the training given to the campers and requested them to start Cub packs as soon as they return to the schools. A varied programme of Cub dances, activities and good games were gone through. Sri Basuvalingam and Sri Natarajan representing the campers spoke in high terms about the training given to them. Sri R. Messiah Doss, Joint State Organising Commissioner was incharge of the camp and was ably assisted by Sri S. Vijayan and Sri S. Ramanathan, Social Education Organiser acted as Quartermaster for the camp.

KATTANKOLATHUR PANCHAYAT UNION.

A Cubmaster's Training Course for 24 teachers was held at Tirukatchur from November 30 to December 6, 1961. Sri L. Sreeraman A. D. C. C. was incharge of the course. Sri E. Kuppaswamy, Vice-Chairman of the Panchayat Union inaugurated the course and Sri P. S. Ganapathy the Chairman presided over the inaugural function, Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts) Madras State and the District Educational Officer Chingleput District addressed the Campers.

SOUTH MADRAS

A party of nine Scouts, Rover Scouts and Scouters of the IV Mylapore (SHIVAJI) Scout Group, Mylapore, went on a cycle trip to Kancheepuram. Leaving the city on the evening of December 29th 1961 and after halting at Sriperumbudur for the night, they reached Kancheepuram on the 30th morning. Throughout the day, they went round the ancient capital of the Pallava dynasty, and visited a number of shrines and other places of historic importance. On the 31st morning, they started from Kancheepuram and reached Madras in the afternoon.

MELBHUVANAGIRI

Under the auspices of the Panchayat Union, Melbhuvanagiri, South Arcot District, a Cubmasters Training Course was held at C. Muttur for the benefit of the Teachers employed in the Panchayat Union Schools, Melbhuvanagiri, from December 26, 1961 to January 1, 1962. The Camp was held in a Mango grove where thatched sheds were provided for accommodation. Sri A. Chokkanathan, Commissioner, Panchayat Union, Melbhuvanagiri, inaugurated the Camp on December 26, 1961. Sri R. Balakrishnan, President, Panchayat Board, Melbhuvanagiri, rendered all facilities for the camp while

Sri R. Muthiah, Social Education Organiser and Sri R. Dorai Rangam, Grama Sevak, acted as Camp Secretary and Camp Quartermaster respectively.

The Visitor's day was held on January 1, 1962 under the Presidentship of Sri Ratna Thi unavukkarasu, Chairman, Panchayat Union, Melbhuvanagiri, while Sri A. Chokkanathan, Commissioner, delivered the validictory address.

Sri H. Krishnamurthi, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief (C & S) was the Officer while Sri G. Ganapathi, Scouter, Tanjavur and Sri K. Muthuvelayudam, District Scoutmaster, Local Association, Chidambaram, acted as the Assistant, Camp Officer.

O O T Y

Under the auspices of the Ooty Panchayat Council, the first CUB-MASTER'S preliminary training camp was held at the Stanley Park, Coonoor, from January 6th to 12th, 1962. 19 Campers attended the course. Sri M. Ram-Mohan, Joint State Organising Commissioner, welcomed the campers. Sri B. K. Bella Gowder, Chairman, P.U.C., Ooty, inaugurated the course. Sri Ragburaman, Commissioner, hoisted the flag. Sri V. P. Ramaswami, A.D.C.C. was in charge of the camp. Sri S. Adikesavalu, assisted the course.

On January 11, 1962 visitors day was held. Sri Jacob Justus, D.E.O., Nilgiris, presided when Sri Subramaniam, Ooty Range, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Mr. A. Dhanaraj, Kotagiri Range, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Sri J. Josam, Hony District Secretary, Nilgiris, Sri Hanumantha Rao, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gudalur, and many visitors were present. Sri V. P. Ramaswami, Camp Officer, welcomed the audience and spoke on the aims and objects of the course. Campers entertained the visitors with folk dances. The District Educational Officer thanked the organisers of the course and appealed to the campers to start Cub Packs in their schools and teach them to do a good turn every day to the community. Sri B. K. Raman, one of the campers proposed a vote of thanks. Visitors were entertained by the campers for tea and they remained until the camp-fire was over. The function came to an end after the singing the National Anthem.

THANJAVUR

Scouts and Rovers numbering Twenty five of the Local Association Bharat Scouts and Guides, Tanjore, rendered useful service at the Rotary Conference held on January 6 and 7, 1962 at the Sarfojee College, Rotary Nagar Tanjore.

VILLIVAKKAM

Sri M. Apparswamy, Commissioner, Panchayat Union, Villivakkam, Chingleput District organised a Training Course for twenty-four women teachers at camp Tonakela, Avadi, from December 10 to 16. Miss. C. Haward,

International Commissioner, Guides, England, inaugurated the course and conveyed greetings from the sister guides in England. Miss G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner for Training and Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner, addressed the trainees. The usual programme of work was gone through and the camp was a unique success from the point of efficiency and discipline. Miss C. John, State Organising Commissioner, Guides, was in charge of the Flock Leaders' camp and the Lady Cubmasters' Camp was conducted by Sri R. Messiah Doss, Jt. State Organising Commissioner, ably assisted by Sri L. Sreeraman, A.D.C.C., and Sri P. V. Ramakrishnan, A.D.C.C. Our thanks are due to the Villivakkam Panchayat Union for their support in promoting Scout and Guide activities.

Excerpts from the Report of
Jt. State Organising Commissioner(s).

THINKING DAY

FEBRUARY 22 – is a day to remember for the members of the Scout and Guide Organizations all the world over. For it was on that day that the Founder of this Great Organisation, Lord Baden-Powell, was born. Very few in the world are fortunate to obtain their partners whose thought, word and deed are so interlinked with their own. And fewer still get partners whose birthday coincides with theirs. The Great Founder of this Movement was blessed with the partnership of a dynamic patron Lady Baden Powell, who was also born on the same day and whose association with him has contributed considerably for the spread of his mighty message throughout the length and breadth of this wide world.

It is requested that Commissioners arrange for Rallies and meetings to suit the occasion.



Flock Leaders Training Camp of Anamallais in November 1961.
Trainees enjoy a Dance Sequence.



Our Scouts and Guides of Tea Estate at Howrah Bridge

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